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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/707,013	Applicant(s) SAKAMOTO, HIROSHI	
	Examiner Brian P. Whipple	Art Unit 2152	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Brian P. Whipple. (3) _____.

(2) Todd Guise. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 31 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.


Identification of prior art discussed: Rhoads et al., U.S. Publication No. 2001/0032251 A1.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant discussed possible amendments to overcome the 102 rejection with Rhoads et al. The examiner agreed that the general tone of the amendments seemed to be leading away from Rhoads in terms of the existing 102. The applicant discussed filing an after final amendment, and the examiner agreed to consider the after final in terms of whether or not a new search would be required.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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